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A latch mechanism (10) including;

a latch bolt (32) moveable between a primary latched position and an open position,

a first pawl (44) moveable between a first engaged position, where it secures the latch bolt in at least its primary latched position and a second released position, where it releases the latch bolt from at least its first/primary latched position,

release means (50) moveable between a first engaged position, where it allows the first pawl to achieve its first engaged position and a second released position, where it retains the first pawl in its second released position, and

a second pawl (58) moveable between a first engaged position, where it is capable of retaining the release means in its second released position, and a second released position, where it releases the release means from its second released position,

such that the latch mechanism can be latched and unlatched (figure 1).